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S.B. No. 216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures related to the placement of a voter on the  
suspense list.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 14.022, Election Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 14.022. ERRONEOUS RETURN OF RENEWAL CERTIFICATE.

(a) A voter registrar shall determine whether ~~[If the registrar  
determines that]~~ a voter's renewal certificate was returned  
undelivered solely because of postal service error, address  
reclassification, or the registrar's clerical error. If the  
registrar determines that the certificate was returned solely  
because of that error or reclassification, the registrar shall  
delete the voter's name from the suspense list, make any other  
appropriate corrections in the registration records, and deliver  
the certificate to the voter.

(b) The secretary of state shall adopt rules for the  
determination under this section of whether a voter's renewal  
certificate was returned undelivered solely because of postal  
service error, address reclassification, or the registrar's  
clerical error.

SECTION 2. Section 63.0011, Election Code, is amended by  
adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to provide for

1 the uniform and auditable processing of a statement of residence  
2 required under this section.

3           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
4 14.022, Election Code, applies only to a voter registration renewal  
5 certificate returned undelivered and received by a voter registrar  
6 on or after the effective date of this Act. A voter registration  
7 renewal certificate returned undelivered and received by a voter  
8 registrar before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
9 law in effect when the registrar received the undelivered  
10 certificate, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
11 purpose.

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.